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1. The East German postal service has been unusually busy in the last few weeks with changes in telephone lines necessitated by a major shift in the location of Soviet units, the campaign to cut communications with West Germany, and the measures designed to harass West Berlin.
2. A priority military order has been placed for 30 new circuits between Berlin and Zossen, to serve the new headquarters of the GSOVG at Wunsdorf.\* Many changes are being made in the local (district) cables at Nauen, probably resulting from the movement of individual units in connection with the moves of the headquarters of the GSOVG and of the Third Guards Mechanized Army.
3. A new cable is being installed on the route Berlin-Rostock-Stralsund-Lohme (on Rügen). This is in addition to the recent requisition of telephone lines from Berlin to Rostock, Wismar, and other points on the Baltic.
4. During the week of 9 June discussions were to be held at the OPD Berlin concerning the further severing of communications with West Berlin. Adjustments are being made in the East German postal system to make the DDR and the Russians completely independent of West Berlin communications facilities.

Comment: The move to Wunsdorf had been expected. The failure to install the new circuits prior to the move could be a security measure, or else an indication that the timing of the move was unexpected.

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